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**STATUS LETTER**

Sir:

The records of the undersigned indicate that the above identified application should have been taken up for action by the Patent Office. No action, however, has as yet been received, so that the Patent Office's advice as to the status of the application is respectfully solicited.

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